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## **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Sign-up continues through February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Paul, Minnesota, February 9, 2007**-The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that the sign-up for the EQIP program will continue through February 28, 2007 at field offices in the state of Minnesota. Even though EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, all applications must be received by the close of business on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The applications will be scored, ranked and funding decisions will be made shortly thereafter.

EQIP continues to be the heart of the NRCS's working lands conservation program. EQIP is the primary tool for landowners who want to apply soil and water conservation practices. EQIP provides the necessary technical assistance and cost-share assistance payments for agricultural producers.

If you have natural resource concerns on your land and are interested in making a commitment to conservation, EQIP could be the answer you have been looking for. Landowners and agricultural producers who are interested in EQIP are encouraged to do their EQIP sign-up early to improve their likelihood of being funded.

To find out more about EQIP in Minnesota, contact your local NRCS field office or please visit the MN NRCS website: [www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov)

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